



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
December 3, 2018 – 7:00pm

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Selectboard Members Present: Steven Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach and Sheri Rainville.

Public Present Robby Rodimer, Tim Wasilewski (Fairfax Rescue)

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager), Deb Woodward, Amy Sears

Call to Order: S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements/Additions: Brad will discuss with Town Manger updates

Minutes: 11-5-18 Sheri made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by S. Bessette all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier, approved by the Board.

Public Comment: Tim Wasilewski wanted to thank the Fairfax Fire Dept. for responding as an assist to 2 rescue calls in Fletcher over the past week. They were tough calls and the support was much appreciated.

Correspondence:

Fairfax Community Center Funding: On October 5, 2015 at a Selectboard meeting, the motion was made to accept the donation of the Baptist Building and move forward. It had been discussed at the same meeting to not fund the building using town money; however, that was not included as part of the motion. Several discussions were had over this matter. It might come to a time when the Selectboard is asked to put an Article out to the voters if town money should be used to help support the building. The Community Center is a town owned building.

Utility Dept.: Amy Sears I explained to the board the need for a Capital Improvement for our utility meters. Most of our current meters are approaching 20 years old, they are outdated, not totally accurate, and the efficiency is decreased due to the age. Our meters are like a cash register to the Utility Dept., without accurate readings, we can only estimate usage and bill accordingly. With the proposed new meters the technology available is amazing; we will reduce cost of labor and seriously reduce the chance of liability from entering resident's homes. The meters have no moving parts to wear out; they have a 20 year life span and are electronically read. They

will also hold a 96 day usage history. This should be very exciting to Utility users. I asked the board to approve a request for an Article for the March 2019 vote at Town Meeting, for a Bond Vote. The loan is proposed at \$120,000.00 or less for 12-15 years. That is an estimated charge of \$5.00 per user quarterly. The board unanimously agreed to the proposal.

Proposed Town Report Articles: This was discussed at an earlier meetings. S. Cormier made the comment, "this has nothing to do with the performance of our current Town Clerk/Treasurer". This protects the town to hire out to the most qualified versus someone elected who may come with no experience for the position. The board approved to write an Article to move in this direction.

Town Manager updates:

- The Road Boring application has been updated. Moving forward, the SB authorized the Town Manager to be the authorized signature to these.
- Recreation Dept. - Colin Santee has resigned from his position as Rec Director. We wish Colin all the best in his future endeavors. We have had 11 applications for this position come in. The deadline to apply is December 7, 2018. The annual tree lighting is December 8th. This past weekend there was a Winter Warm Up class held, this raised over \$500.00
- Highway Dept. - The 2019 International truck should be delivered this week. This truck will replace the oldest truck in the fleet. We had 2 incidents involving this truck last week. One of our drivers went off the road, and then there was a plowing incident. No serious injuries, our employee has filed workers compensation for about one week. Ron Germaine, our part time employee has really stepped up for us this week to cover shifts.
- Fairfax Rescue Review: Follow up from when we received informational packet from Rescue, Brad has reviewed and wonders if SB has any questions. S. Bessette questioned the per capita figure for Fairfax. Tim Wasilewski will look at, but believes that figure is from the current budget. S. Cormier wanted to let Rescue know they do an outstanding job serving this town. Tim states Rescue is still working on task and straightening out issues to move forward.
- Addition from beginning of meeting: The Town of Fletcher contacted Brad about a formal complaint filed against the Animal Control Officer's site for holding animals. The Animal Control Officer is the same for Fairfax. Fletcher Selectboard will be addressing the complaint at their next meeting and presumed to issue a formal warning. The Town of Fairfax has not received any complaints against the Animal Control Officer or site.

Other Business:

At 7:50 S. Bessette made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

At 8:19 S. Bessette made the motion to exit executive session, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

S. Bessette made the motion at this time to terminate the health insurance for said employee as of 12-31-18 and allow the Town Manager to proceed with necessary steps, seconded by Sheri, 4 in favor, 1 abstained.

Adjournment:

At 8:20 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Admin. Asst. to the Selectboard

Steven Cormier- Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ****